

# ***TOWN COUNCIL WEEKLY STATUS REPORT***

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## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> is the fifth Tuesday of the month and there will be no Town Council meeting. Enjoy your evening off.
- Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, Economic Development Commission, 4:45 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1
- Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, Permanent School Building Committee, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1

## **BACKPACK PROGRAM**

On August 19<sup>th</sup> Groton Human Services staff teamed up with members of the DaClick Motorcycle and Social Club of New London to distribute 140 backpacks filled with school supplies to Groton children. The backpacks were donated by a number of individuals and community groups including St. Andrew Presbyterian Church and the MOMS Club of Groton. The Department also made available to the children hundreds of donated, previously read children's books which the children were encouraged to take home with them. Balloons, snacks and juice boxes were also provided. The Department first offered the backpack program in 2005, following a donation of approximately 20 backpacks and school supplies from St. Andrew Church. Over the past 11 years the program has expanded as it continues to meet the needs of eligible children in the Groton community. Any child whose family receives any form of State assistance or financial help from programs offered through Groton Human Services is eligible to receive a backpack.

## **RECOVERED PROPERTY**

On August 15<sup>th</sup> staff at the Parks and Recreation Department noticed one of the Department's stand up paddle boards missing from Spicer Park and immediately filed a police report with the Groton Police Department. After notifying residents that store boats at this location to check on their boats and be sure to secure them, a boat owner came forward and stated that her kayak was missing as well. The Parks and Recreation Department contacted the Police Department and informed

them of the missing kayak and rumors that someone was selling small boats. The Groton Police Department was able to recover the stolen property and return it to the Groton Parks and Recreation Department on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

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